# A-6115

# Variance Request

To construct a guest house in the same location as the existing garage, which encroaches six feet, five and seven-eighths inches (6'-5 1/8") into the nine foot, two and one-quarter inch (9'-2 1/4") rear (south) accessory building setback. The rear (south) wall measures twenty-eight feet two and one-quarter inches (28'-2 1/4") in length.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Reid Thompson 14 West Kirke Street

# 14 West Kirke Street



Figure 1: View of 14 West Kirke Street. The subject garage is to the west (right) side.



Figure 2: View of the detached garage at 14 West Kirke Street. The proposed guest house would be built in the same location and be the same height.

#### CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE BOARD OF MANAGERS MAY 14, 2012 MEETING

#### STAFF REPORT

TO:

**BOARD OF MANAGERS** 

FROM:

ELLEN SANDS, PERMITTING AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR

DATE:

5/10/2012

SUBJECT:

HEARING OF APPEAL CASE NO. A-6115 VARIANCE REQUEST

MR. & MRS. W. REID THOMPSON, 14 WEST KIRKE STREET

TO CONSTRUCT A GUEST HOUSE IN THE SAME LOCATION AS THE EXISTING GARAGE, WHICH ENCROACHES SIX FEET, FIVE AND SEVEN-EIGHTHS INCHES (6'-5 %") INTO THE NINE FOOT, TWO AND ONE-QUARTER INCH (9'-2 ¼") REAR (SOUTH) ACCESSORY BUILDING SETBACK. THE REAR (SOUTH) WALL MEASURES TWENTY-EIGHT FEET TWO AND ONE-

QUARTER INCHES (28'- 2 1/4") IN LENGTH.

### NOTICE REQUIREMENTS: Abutting Owners; Public Notice

#### Applicable Chevy Chase Building Regulation:

## The Chevy Chase Village Code § 8-21(b) states:

Any detached garage or other accessory building shall be located at least five (5) feet from any rear or side lot line or alley line.

additionally,

#### The Chevy Chase Village Code § 8-21(c) states:

For any detached garage or other accessory building with a length along a rear or side lot line which has a linear dimension greater than twenty-four (24) feet, the minimum setback from that rear or side lot line shall be increased from the requirement in subsection (b) above at a ratio of one (1) foot for every one (1) foot that the dimension exceeds twenty four (24) linear feet.

#### FINDINGS REQUIRED:

- 1. The proposed variance is required because special conditions exist whereby the enforcement of the requirements of the Village Building Code would result in an unwarranted hardship and injustice to the owner.
- 2. The proposed variance will most nearly accomplish the intent and purpose of the requirements of the Village Building Code; and
- 3. Except for variances from the requirements of Sections 8-22, 8-26 or Article IV of the Village Regulations, the structure authorized by the proposed variance would not violate any covenant applicable to the property.

#### APPLICABLE COVENANTS:

The covenants applicable to the Subject Property do not stipulate a rear setback requirement.

#### FACTUAL AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

This request was withdrawn from the April 9, 2012 agenda when it was determined that the full kitchen and bathroom initially included in the guest house plan might constitute a violation of Section 8-17(e) of the Village Code, which prohibits construction of a second dwelling on the property. Mr. Thompson addressed the removal of the food preparation facilities in a letter (included in this application) and submitted amended plans (also included) that no longer include food preparation facilities.

The property is considered an Outstanding Resource by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC). The detached garage, because it does not share a wall with the main house, is subject to "moderate scrutiny".

The Applicants request the variance so that they may replicate the portions of the garage that would be demolished if Case A-6114 is approved. The location of the rear wall and soffit is not changing from the existing.

The existing rear yard setback is two feet, eight and three-eighths inches (2'-8 3/8").

The length of the rear (south) wall of the garage is twenty eight and two-tenths (28.2) feet. Because more than 50% of the garage is proposed to be removed, the guest house would be considered "new" construction and the setback must be increased from five (5) feet to nine feet, two and one-quarter inches (9'-2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>") to satisfy Sec. 8-21(c). The total requested encroachment, therefore, is six feet, five and seven-eighths inches (6'-5 ½").

In 2008 the setbacks for garages and accessory buildings were revised:

- the rear yard setback for garages and accessory buildings (Sec. 8-21(b)) was changed from two (2) feet to five (5) feet; and
- the provision requiring the increase in the setback if the length of a garage or accessory building exceeds twenty-four (24) feet (Sec. 8-21(c)) was added.

Hence the existing garage was compliant with Village regulations prior to 2008.

There are no tree removals requested. The arborist has determined that a tree protection plan would be required.

To date there have been no letters received from abutting or confronting neighbors regarding the project.

Applicable Fees: Building Permit: (detached garage): \$400; Special Permit (for demolition of more than 50% of the accessory building): \$300; Variance Application Fee (to replace an existing non-conformity): \$150.00. TOTAL: \$850.00

#### RELEVANT PRECEDENTS:

There do not appear to be any directly comparable precedents for either approval or denial of requests to construct a garage or accessory building that would encroach into the rear yard setback. Additionally, this case is a request to construct an accessory building to replicate the demolished portions of an existing accessory building in its same location.

#### **Draft Motion**

I move to direct staff to draft a decision **APPROVING/DENYING** the variance request in case A-6115, based on the findings that ...

# CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Please take notice that the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers will hold a public hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will be held at the Chevy Chase Village Hall at 5906 Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

APPEAL NUMBER A-6115
MR. & MRS. W. REID THOMPSON
14 WEST KIRKE STREET
CHEVY CHASE, MARYLAND 20815

The applicants have filed a request for a variance pursuant to Section 8-11 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to construct a guest house in the same location as the existing garage, which encroaches six feet, five and seven eighths inches (6'-5 1/8") into the nine foot, two and one-quarter inch (9'-2 1/4") rear (south) accessory building setback. The rear (south) wall measures twenty-eight feet two and one-quarter inches (28'-2 1/4") in length.

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Additional information regarding this case may be obtained at the Chevy Chase Village Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, may be viewed on the Village website at www.chevychasevillagemd.gov or you may contact the office for this information to be mailed to you.

This notice was mailed to abutting and confronting property owners on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2012.

Chevy Chase Village Office 5906 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815 301-654-7300

#### MAILING LIST FOR APPEALS A-6114 & A-6115

MR. & MRS. W. REID THOMPSON 14 WEST KIRKE STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

Adjoining and confronting property owners	
Mr. & Mrs. William Silverman	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph K. Melrod
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
15 West Kirke Street	11 West Kirke Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr. Ephraim Jacobs	Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Vap
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
16 West Kirke Street	12 West Kirke Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr. & Mrs. Arnold C. Ratner	Mr. & Mrs. David H. Bralove
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
9 West Kirke Street	11 West Irving Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Helfer	Mr. & Mrs. Henry A. Dudley
Or Current Resident	Or Current Resident
15 West Irving Street	13 West Irving Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	Chevy Chase, MD 20815
Ms. Barbara S. Bissinger	
Or Current Resident	
9 West Irving Street	
Chevy Chase, MD 20815	

I hereby certify that a public notice was distributed to the aforementioned property owners on the  $3^{rd}$  day of May, 2012.

**Ellen Sands** 

**Permitting and Code Enforcement Coordinator** 

Chevy Chase Village

5906 Connecticut Avenue

Chevy Chase, MD 20815



May 3, 2012

Mr. & Mrs. W. Reid Thompson 14 West Kirke Street Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Thompson:

Please note that your requests for a special permit to partially demolish and a variance to construct the guest house on your property are scheduled before the Board of Managers on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Either you or another representative must be in attendance to present your cases. At that time, additional documents may be introduced and testimony can be provided in support of the requests.

For your convenience, enclosed please find copies of the Public Hearing Notices and mailing list. Please contact the Village office in advance if you are unable to attend.

Sincerely,

Ellen Sands

Permitting and Code Enforcement

Chevy Chase Village

**Enclosures** 

www.chevychasevillagemd.gov

# **Chevy Chase Village**

# **Building Permit Application**

Permit No: <u>A-6115</u>

Property Address: 14 W. KIRKE STREET								
Resident Name: W. REID THOMPSON								
Daytime telephone: 30) - 986 · 1290 Cell phone:								
After-hours telephone:								
E-mail:								
Project Description: LEMOUF EXISTING, REAR CHRAGE AND (CRACKED)  CONCRETE SCAB ON GRADE (NO FOOTINGS) KEEP TRONT DOORS  AND TRIM FOR REUSE.  CONSTRUCT LIKE SIZE (ARRIAGE FlousE, TO INCLUME NEW  CONCRETE SCAR AND INCORPORATE BEDROOM, BATHROOM AND  LETTHEN SPACE AS SHOWN ON PLAN.								
Check here if the construction will require the demolition of over fifty (50) percent of any existing structure.								
Primary Contact for Project:								
Resident Project Manager Contractor*								
*MHIC/MD Contractor's License No. (required):								
Information for Primary Contact for Project (if different from property owner):								
Name: SMITH, THOMAS & SMITH / DAVIO ALESSANDRINI								
Work telephone: 301.656.0141 After-hours telephone:								
Cell phone: 202 · 7/4 · 233/								
E-mail: stsgc@ aol.com								
Will the residence be occupied during the construction project?  If no, provide contact information for the party responsible for the construction site (if different from above):  Name:  Address:								
Work telephone: After-hours telephone:								
Cell phone:								
E-mail:								
Parking Compliance:								
Is adequate on-site parking available for the construction crews?								
If no, please attach a parking plan which minimizes inconvenience to neighboring residents, and indicate if the property is in a permit parking area.								
Will road closings be required due to deliveries, equipment or other reasons?  Yes  No								

# Building Permit Filing Requirements: Application will not be reviewed until the application is complete

1	Copy of stamped drawings approved by Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), if required. Every page of drawings must be clearly stamped.
1	This application form, signed by resident.
	Boundary Survey
1	Site Plan (see: Village Site Plan Checklist to ensure completeness)
1	Building plans and specifications
	Tree Preservation Plan requested of Village arborist (see: Village Tree Inspection Request form). All required tree protections must be fully installed before any work begins.
	Filing Fee (due at time of application). Fees schedule is listed in Chapter 6 of the Village Code.
	Damage deposit or performance bond (due when Building Permit is issued). Amount of required deposit or bond will be set by Village Manager.
Or do	nce this permit application is complete, the Village Manager will review the application and accompanying cuments and, under most circumstances, act on the application within 5 to 10 working days.
If i	the Montgomery County permit is suspended, revoked or lapsed, the Village permit is automatically spended, revoked or lapsed.
No	signs advertising the architect, contractor, or any other service provider may be posted on the work site.
co Ui	nereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application correct, that I have read and understood all requirements and that the construction will nform to the regulations of the Montgomery County Zoning Code, the Village Code including than Forest code, and any covenants and easements on the subject property.  Date: 3/15/12
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For Use By Village Manager	Application approved wi	ith the following conditions:
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☐ \$ ☐ Waived by Village Manager	Date: Staff signature:	
Cost of damage to R-O-W: (calculated at close-out) Amount of refund:	Date: Staff signature:	
For Village Staff use: Field file for inspections by Code Enforce	ement Officer has been created:	Yes (Date:

# **Chevy Chase Village**

# Application for a Variance

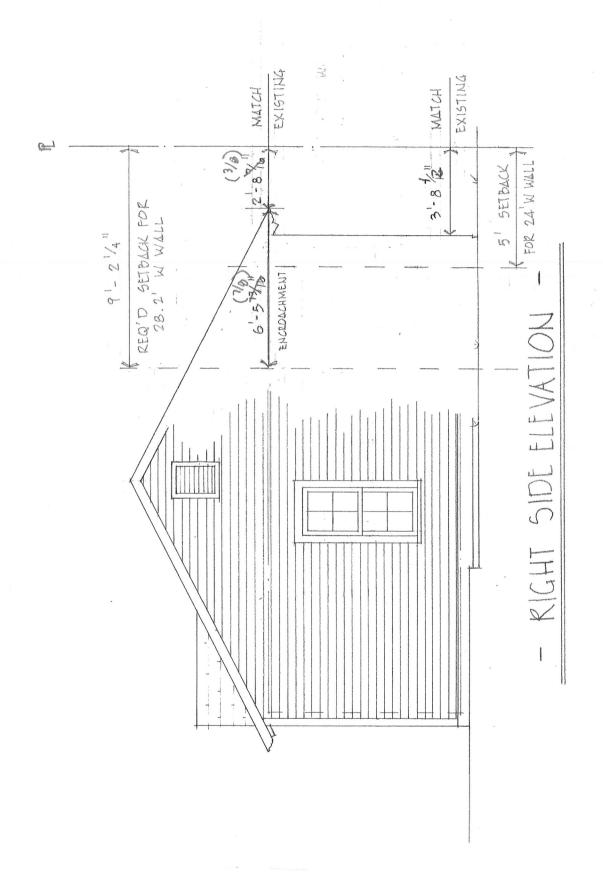
A variance is permission granted to a landowner to depart from the specific requirements of the Village zoning ordinance and allows a landowner to use land differently than specified in the ordinance. The variance is a written authorization from the Board of Managers permitting construction in a manner not otherwise allowed by the Village Code.

Subject Property: 14. WIRKE STREET	
Describe the Proposed Project: LE. CONSTRUCT MATER SIZE, DESIGN AND LOCATION	
Applicant Name(s) ( List all property owners):	REED THOMPSON MARY M. THOMPSON
Daytime telephone: 301, 986, 1296	Cell:
E-mail:	
Address (if different from property address):	
For Village staff use:  Date this form received: 3/16/12	Variance No: <u>A</u> -6115
Completed <i>Chevy Chase Village Application for a</i> Completed <i>Chevy Chase Village Building Permit</i> A boundary survey or plat diagram with a margin structures, projections and impervious surfaces.  Surveys, plats, engineering reports, construction p boundaries, dimensions, and area of the property, structures/fences/walls/etc., existing and proposed structures/fences/walls/etc., from the nearest prop reference dimensions from the boundary survey or	viewed until the application is complete a Variance (this form)  Application  of error of one tenth of a foot or less showing all existin plans/specifications or other accurate drawings showing as well as the location and dimensions of all to be erected, and the distances of such erry lines. These drawings shall incorporate and display or plat diagram required above.  ept for variances from Sections 8-22, 8-26 or Article IV
Affice I hereby certify that I have the authority to submit the foresigned below, that I have read and understand all requirement the scheduled public hearing in this matter. I hereby author the Board of Managers to enter onto the subject prochis variance request. I hereby declare and affirm, under proceeding application are true and correct to the best of managers's Signature:  Applicant's Signature:	nents and that I or an authorized representative will appent thorize the Village Manager, or the Manager's designee, operty for the purposes of assessing the site in relation to be nealty of perjury, that all matters and facts set forth in the

# Describe the basis for the variance request (attach additional pages as needed).

Describe the special conditions of the property (e.g., odd shape, small size, sloping topography, abuts state highway, etc.) and how the property compares to other properties in the Village: THE PROPERTY CONSISTS OF A DOUBLE WIDE LOT. WHICH IS LISTED HISTORICAL MASTER THE IN THE PLAN. EXISTING GARAGE STRUCTURE 1 4 PEET 15 SETTING OFF TRIE REAR PROPERTY LINE Describe how enforcement of the building regulations would result in an unwarranted hardship and injustice because of the special condition(s) described above (i.e., describe (i) the unwarranted hardship and injustice that you claim exists and (ii) how the special conditions cause that unwarranted hardship and injustice): ENFORCEMENT OF THE CURRENT REAR SETBACK AND/OR AUTERATIONS TO THE SIZE LOCATION OF THE FROM IT'S CARAGE STRUCTURE. TALKING AWAY HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE. NOTED 184 THE HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION. Describe how the proposed variance most nearly accomplishes the intent and purpose of the requirements of Chapter 8 of the Chevy Chase Village Code, entitled Buildings and Building Regulations: GRANTING OF THIS VARIANCE WILL ALLOW RECONSTRUCTION OF HISTORIC STRUCTION AT ITS THIS EXISTING LOCATION In exercising its powers in connection with a variance request, the Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers may reverse or affirm, wholly or partly, or may modify the requirement, decision or determination as it deems appropriate. Variance **Checks Pavable To: Chevy Chase Village** Filing Fee 5906 Connecticut Ave. Chevy Chase, MD 20815 Per Village Code Sec. 6-2(a)(24): \$300.00 for new construction. Date Paid: \$150.00 for replacing existing nonconformities. Staff Signature: \$300.00 for fences, walls, play equipment, trees, hedges, shrubbery in the public right-of-way.

Other: \$



# W. REID THOMPSON

14 WEST KIRKE STREET CHEVY CHASE, MD 20815

701 NINTH STREET, N.W. WASHINGTON, D.C. > 20068 >

April 19, 2012

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Construction plans to comply with all local codes, including IRC 2009.

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# DESIGN CRITERIA:

Floor occupancy live load: 40 psf

Floor dead load: 10 psf Roof live load/snow load: 30 psf

Roof dead load: 15 psf

Wind load: 90 mph, 3 second gust

Wind importance factor: 1W = 1.0Wind exposure category: B

Minimum design wind pressure for main wind force resisting system &

components/cladding = 20 psf

Seismic importance factor = 1.0

Seismic design category = B

Framing lumber: kiln dried Western SPF

Framing studs: kiln dried Eastern SPF Concrete: 2,500 psf minimum, no air

Foundation soil: 2,000 psf soil bearing

Wall insulation to be 31/2" R-15 fiberglass insulation

Ceiling insulation to be 12" R-38 fiberglass insulation Floor insulation to be 6" R-19 fiberglass insulation

New windows to be Lincoln, vinyl clad, double hung and casement units,

with low-E II/Argon insulated glass, U-value = 0.34

New door to be Lincoln, vinyl clad, French, with low-E II/Argon insulated glass, U-value = 0.34

# Air Leakage

Building thermal envelope. The building thermal envelope shall be durably sealed to limit infiltration. The sealing methods between dissimilar materials shall allow for differential expansion and contraction. The following shall be caulked, gasketed, weatherstripped or otherwise sealed with an air barrier material, suitable film or solid material:

- All joints, seams and penetrations.
   Site-built windows, doors and skylights.
   Somethings between window and door assemblies and their respective jambs and framing.
   Upling penetrations.
   Dropped ceilings or chases adjacent to the thermal envelope.

- 7. Walls and ceilings separating a garage from conditioned spaces. 8. Behind tubs and showers on exterior walls. 9. Common walls between dwelling units.
- 10. Attic access openings.
  11. Rim joist junction.
  12. Other sources of infiltration.

# THOMPSON RESIDENCE

W. KIRKE STREET

CARRIAGE HOUSE 45 NOTED SCALE:

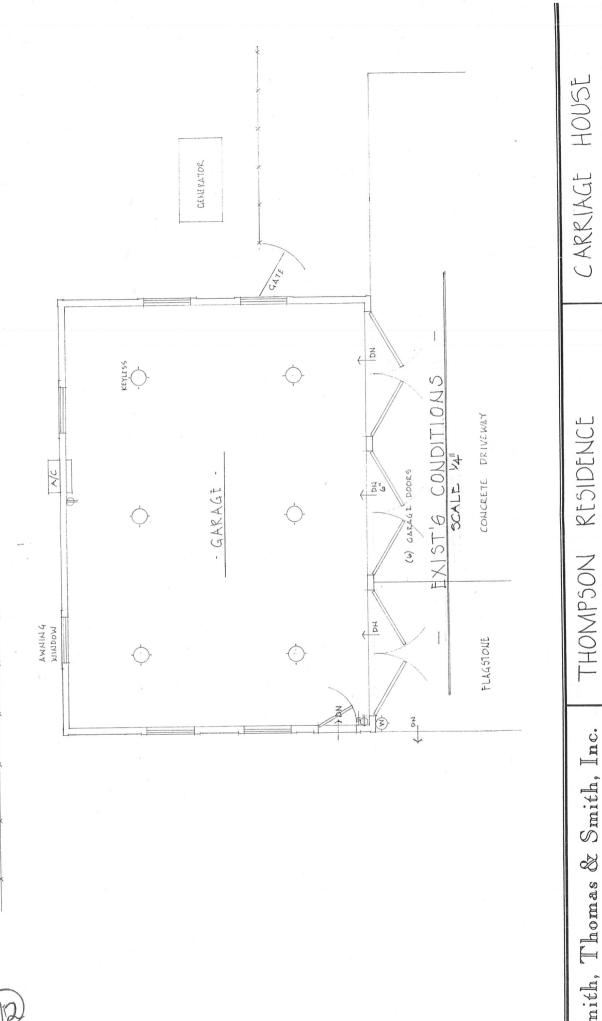
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General Contractors

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33 BLOCK CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE COUNTY LOT 14 & 15 MONTGOMERY

SCALE: 1" = 20'

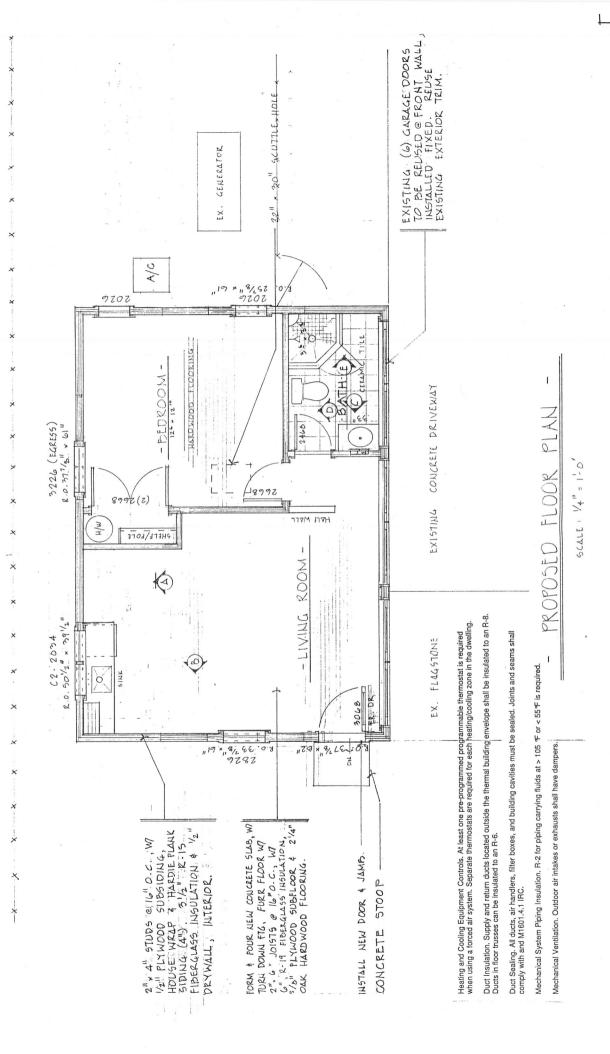


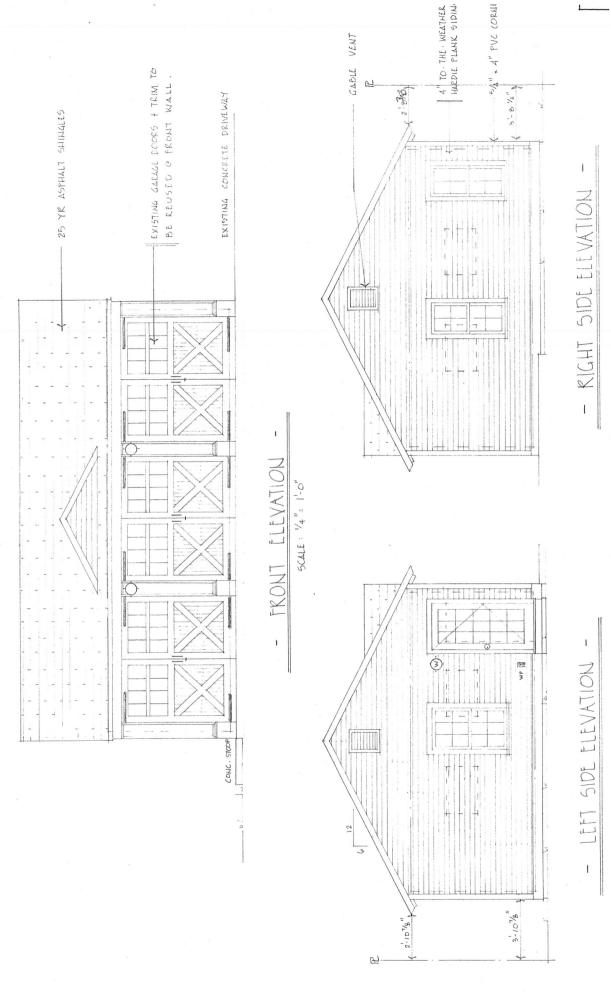
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Smith, Thomas & Smith, Inc. General Contractors

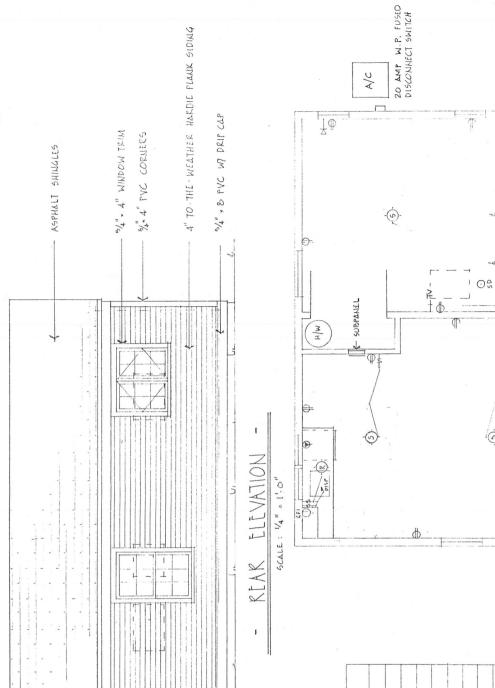
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SCALE: AS NOTED









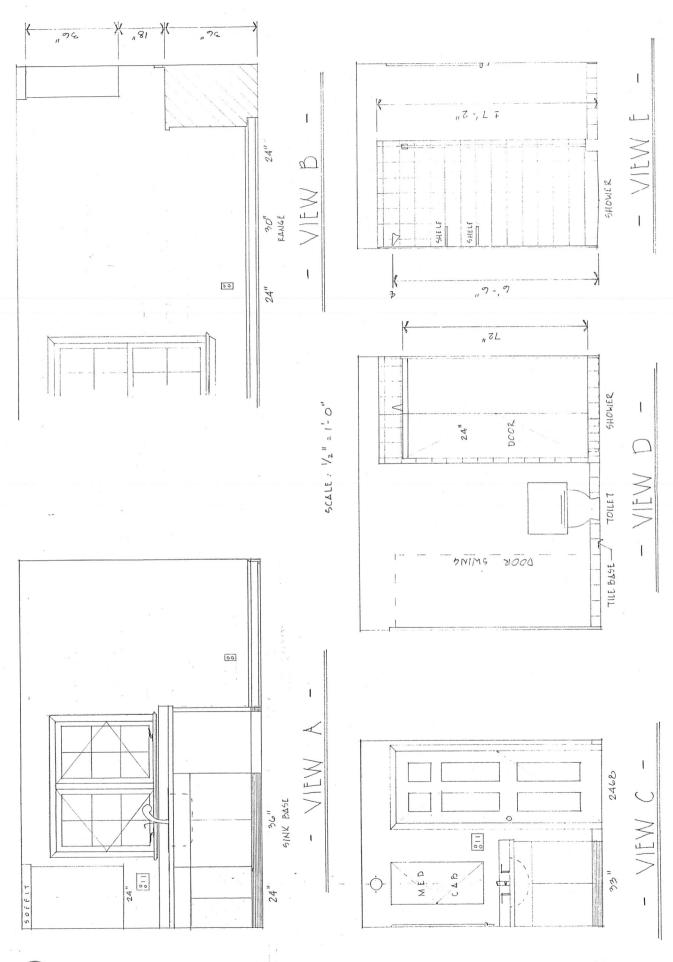
ELECTRICAL SYMBOLS	DUPLEX OUTLET	GROUND FAULT OUTLET	WEATHER - PROOF OUTLET	SINGLE POLE SWITCH	3. WLY SWITCH	CABLE TV JACK	PHONE JACK	SURFACE LIGHT	WALL SCONCE	RECESSED LIGHT	FLUORESCENT LIGHT	UNDER CAPINET LIGHT	EXHAUST FAM	SMOKE DETECTOR
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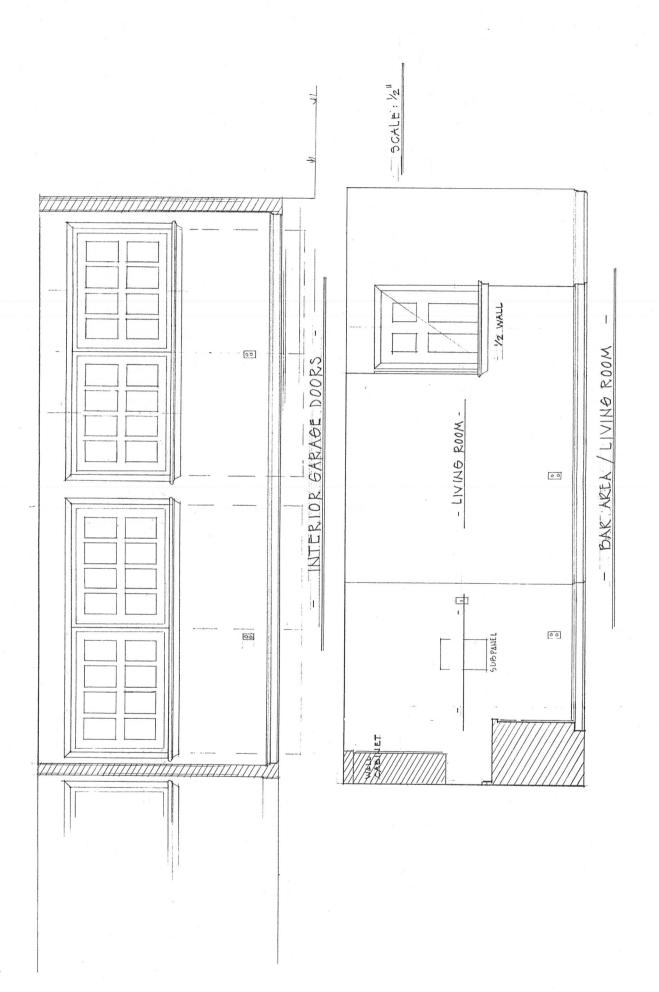
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FOUNDATION PLAN

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R506.1 General. Concrete slab-on-ground floors shall be a minimum 3.5 inches (89 mm) thick (for expansive soils, see Section R403.1.8). The specified compressive strength of concrete shall be as set forth in Section R402.2.

R506.2 Site preparation. The area within the foundation walls shall have all vegetation, top soil and foreign material removed.

R506.2.2 Base. A 4-inch-thick (102 mm) base course consisting of clean graded sand, gravel, crushed stone or crushed blast-furnace slag passing a 2-inch (51 mm) sieve shall be placed on the prepared subgrade when the slab is ball in social.

R506.2.3 Vapor retarder. A 6 mil (0.006 inch; 152 µm) polyethylene or approved vapor retarder with joints lapped not less than 6 inches (152 mm) shall be placed between the concrete floor slab and the base course or the prepared subgrade where no base course exists.

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R506.2.4 Reinforcement support. Where provided in slabs on ground, reinforcement shall be supported to remain in place from the center to upper one third of the slab for the duration of the concrete placement.

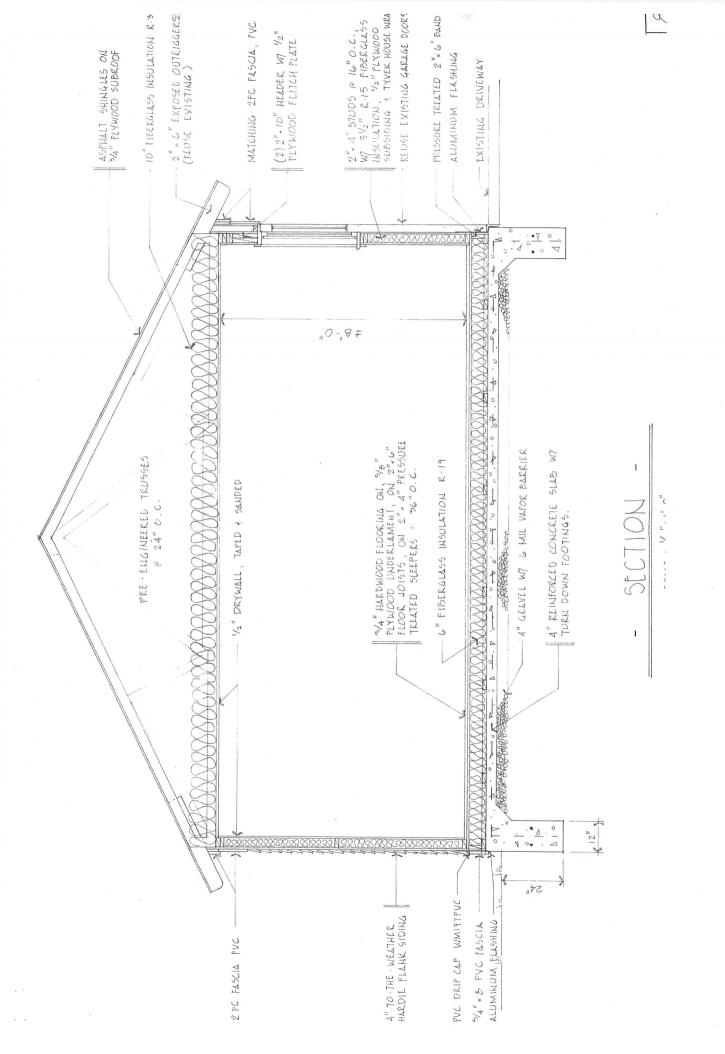
duration of the concrete placement.

R403.1.3.2 Slabs-on-ground with turned-down footings. Slabs on ground with turned down footings shall
have a minimum of one No. 4 bar at the top and the bottom of the footing.

Exception: For slabs-on-ground cast monolithically with the footing, locating one No. 5 bar or two No. 4 bars in the middle third of the footing depth shall be permitted as a alternative to placement at the footing top and bottom.

DETAIL -

SCALE: 1/2" = 1:0"



applied in areas subject to high winds [above 110 mph (49 m/s) per Figure R301.2(4)] shall be applied with corrosion-resistant fasteners in accordance with manufacturer's installation instructions. Fasteners are to be applied along the overlap not farther apart than 36 inches (914 mm) on center. OOF FRAMING PLAN (2) 2" + 8" 0. SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0" 12.4 tory of ice forming along the eaves causing a backup of water as designated in Table R301.2(1), an ice barrier that consists of a least two layers of underlayment cenented together or of a self-adhering polymer modified bitumen sheet, shall be used in lieu of normal underlayment and extend from the lowest edges of all roof surfaces to a point at least 24 inches (610 mm) inside the exterior wall line of the building. (9) TRU59E5 ENGINEERED (2) 2"x 10" W7 1/2" PLTMOOD (TYPICAL @ FRONT) (2) 2 ", 5" PPE. 18 \*12(2) 18 \* 12 (2) ONERHAM C 11511 PRESSURE TREATED 2"x 6" BAND (2) 2" × 8" HEADER MCNOLITHIC SLAB SCALE: 1/2 "= 1'-0" D. 0. D. 0 ١ 1 PREHUNG FRENCH DOOR I " 4" EXTERIOR TRIM 5/4" PVC KICK PLATE COUCRETE STOOP

MD. LICENSE #453 D.C. LICENSE #17 VA. LICENSE #035673

# Smith, Thomas & Smith, Inc.

GENERAL CONTRACTORS

4713 MAPLE AVENUE, BETHESDA, MD 20814 TELEPHONE: 301-656-0141 EMAIL: STSGC@AOL.COM FAX: 301-656-6705

www.smiththomasandsmith.com

April 3, 2012

Chevy Chase Village 5906 Connecticut Avenue Chevy Chase, MD 20815 Attn: Board of Managers

Project:

Remodeling of existing Carriage House at #14 W. Kirke Street, Chevy Chase, MD (Accessory Building, rear, corner of property)

History:

Mr. Reid Thompson, #14 W. Kirke Street, commissioned Smith, Thomas & Smith, Inc. (STS) to remodel the existing rear yard Carriage House from its current, open, garage-like interior to a Guest Suite, including a Bathroom, Bedroom and small Kitchen. The interior space appeared adequately sized to accommodate the improvements. Initially, it was assumed that the existing structure could remain, and with interior partitioning, and plumbing and electrical connections to the Main House, the project was feasible.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and STS agreed to save / preserve the front façade <u>entirely</u>, including the six (6) Carriage House doors, pilasters and trim.

New windows would be added to the side and rear walls, wood double hung and casements, similar to windows in the Main House.

The existing metal siding, 4" to-the-weather, would be replaced with Hardie-Plank siding, 4" to-the-weather, matching the "look" of the existing siding. Several Floor Plan designs were submitted and finally a Plan was decided upon, after which cost estimating began.

Determining the Project construction requirements resulted in the following findings:

### **Existing Structural Conditions:**

- The existing Carriage House structure had <u>no footing</u>, but sits on a poured concrete slab, not reinforced, which is badly cracked throughout, and has allowed considerable heaving inside and around the perimeter. Building Codes require a continuous concrete footing, and the existing slab would not be "reusable" and would have to be removed. A new concrete footing and reinforced slab would be necessary.
- o The existing metal siding (which was to be replaced) was attached directly to the wall framing without any subsiding, simply nailed to the existing wall studs. Building Codes require subsiding (1/2" CDX plywood) and house wrap / vapor barrier.
- The perimeter wall framing was (very) unconventional, with study spaced from 30" on center to 60" on center. Building Codes require 16" on center. Also, the bottom plates of these walls are not pressure treated, as required. All existing walls would require substantial reframing to comply with current codes.

 The existing roof and ceiling framing members were undersized and not spaced for proper support per current Building Code requirements. They would both have to be reframed.

All of the above-mentioned findings were discussed with Mr. Thompson and it was decided that STS and the Thompsons would save time and money if the existing structure and broken concrete slab was taken down and rebuilt to current Building Code requirements, under the following design criterion:

- A monolithic footing and concrete slab would be poured, matching the dimensions of the existing Carriage House, per current Building Codes.
- The new structure (Guest Suite) would be designed to match the exact dimensions of the
  existing Carriage House, including width, length, height, mass and scale. Framing of
  walls, roof, ceiling, headers and insulation would be per all applicable Building Codes.
  All exterior trim would match existing trim.
- As decided preliminarily, the front façade (the only wall visible from the public right-ofway) would be reconstructed using the existing, six (6) Carriage House doors, pilasters and trim, fitted into the new front wall with the same dimensions as the existing front wall.
- The windows on the side and rear walls (not visible from the front right-of-way) would be Lincoln, wood double-hung or casements (sized and located a shown on Plans), with painted exteriors and interiors, simulated divided lites (muntins) and muntin patterns similar to the Main House windows.

After deciding on the scope of the revised Project, a contract price was agreed upon and STS prepared construction plans. To date, we have received approval from the Historical Preservation Commission and Montgomery County Building Permit division. We are now submitting these plans for review by Chevy Chase Village.

Summary:

After our in-depth structural review of the existing conditions, the revised construction scheme and the completion of the Construction Plans / Specifications for the guest Suite, it is hoped STS and the Thompsons will be approved to proceed with this Project as described above.

Respectfully Submitted,

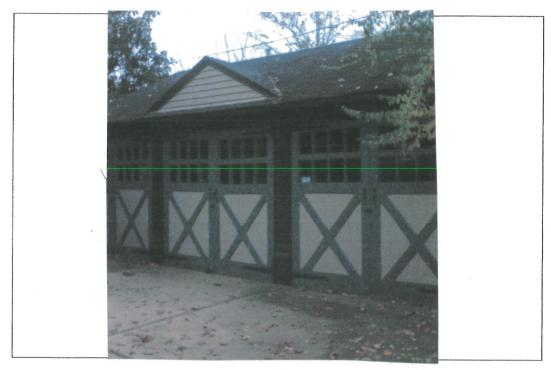
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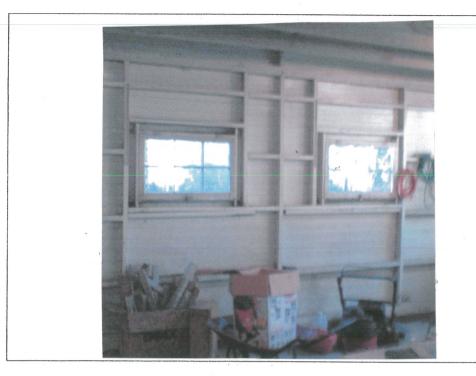
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Detail: PEAR CORNER, NO FOOTING BELOW SLAB

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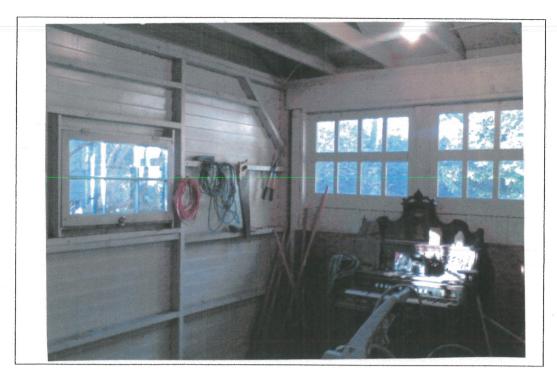


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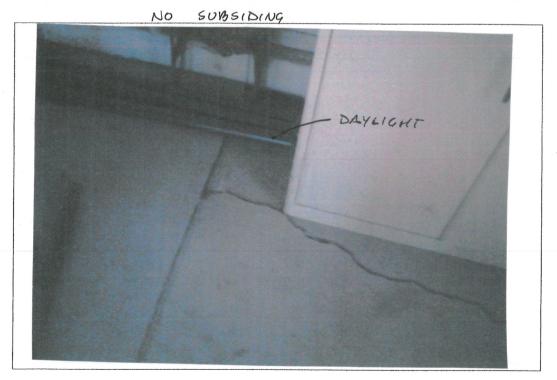


Detail: UN CONVENTIONAL REAR WALL FRAMING
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Detail: UNCONVENTIONAL SIDE WALL FRAMING



Detail: BADLY CRACKED SLAB, REAR CORNER

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Detail: BADLY CRACKED SLAB, CENTER



Detail: BADLY CRACKED SLAB, REAR CORNER

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Detail: BADLY CRACKED SLAB REAR WALL



Detail: BAPLY CRACKED SLAM, FRONT WALL

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